

REMARKS

Claims 1-49 remain in the application. Claims 1, 26, and 37 have been amended based on the suggestion of the Examiner. Claims 10, 30, and 38 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants respectfully request allowance of all the claims as amended or originally filed.

The Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 2, 4, 17, 21, 23, 26-29, and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 3, 5-16, 18-20, 22, 24, 25, 30-36, and 38-49 would be allowable if written in independent form. Claims 10, 30 and 38 have been canceled and their limitations have been added to claims 1, 26, and 37 respectively. As indicated by the Examiner, the amended 1, 26, and 37 are now allowable. Each of the remaining claims now depend on one of these three allowable independent claims, and they should be also allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this application in an allowable form. In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are drawn to novel subject matter, patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record. The Examiner is therefore, respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections.

Should the Examiner deem that any further clarification is desirable, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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